



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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The Honorable Nell Soto
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Soto:

The Fair Political Practices Commission is opposed to Senate Bill 1351, which would expand the post-governmental employment restrictions to local elected officials.

The Milton Marks Postgovernmental Employment Restrictions Act (Government Code section 87406) provides a one-year ban on former *state officials* representing any person by appearing, for compensation, before or communicating with their former agency to influence administrative or legislative action, or to influence certain proceedings involving a permit, license, contract, or transaction involving the sale or purchase of property or goods.

Your SB 1351 would extend this ban to local elected officials. This would place a significant "one-size-fits-all" regulatory burden on local governments. The Commission is not aware of a prevalence of undue influence by former local elected officials. Some local jurisdictions already have revolving door regulations. Absent a compelling need to impose a statewide solution, the Commission recommends that each jurisdiction determine on its own whether revolving door regulation is necessary.

Moreover, such an expansion would require substantial additional funding for the Commission in a year when the Governor reduced the agency's budget by nearly \$1 million. For these reasons, the Commission must regretfully oppose SB 1351.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Krausse", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Krausse
Executive Director